

June 20, 2022

The Newaygo Public Schools Board of Education held a regular meeting on Monday, June 20, 2022 in the Newaygo High School Library. Morgan Heinzman, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Morgan Heinzman, Melissa Swinehart, Thomas Frisbie and Rick Vincent

MEMBERS ABSENT: Vince Grodus, Jami Schultz and Reid Sherwood

Also Present: Jeff Wright, Superintendent  
Christina Wetherell, Administrative Assistant  
Brad Reyburn, NHS Principal  
Sam Becker, NMS Asst. Principal

Visitors: 12

#### Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mr. Heinzman, seconded by Ms. Swinehart, to amend the proposed agenda to add the recommendation to hire Scott Force as Head Football Coach (#7B-4), the recommendation to hire Catherine Jenkins as High School English Teacher (#7B-5), and to move the Ratification of the RWDSU Contract to an item under New Business.

VOTE

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Motion by Ms. Swinehart, seconded by Mr. Vincent, to approve the amended agenda for the Regular Meeting of June 20, 2022.

VOTE

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

#### Consent Agenda Items

Motion by Ms. Swinehart, seconded by Mr. Vincent, to approve the consent agenda items as presented.

VOTE

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

It was clarified that the first day of school for 2022-23 will be August 29.

#### Public Comments – Items on the Agenda

One member of the public addressed the board about Late Start Mondays and the school calendar.

#### Presentations from the Floor

Holly Bowman, High School Science Teacher, presented the 2023 Costa Rica School Trip information.

#### Superintendent Reports

Letters of resignation and retirement were received from:

1. Kelly Dampier – Elementary School Aide
2. Ben Voshel – Maintenance Assistant
3. Mike Allison – Athletic Director and Head Football Coach

4. Pat Clement – Bus Driver – Retire
5. Dustin DeBeau – Academic Interventionist

Motion by Mr. Heinzman, seconded by Mr. Frisbie, to hire the following individuals, as recommended by the Administration:

1. Benjamin Berry – High School World Language Teacher
2. Dana DuChemin – Middle School Math Teacher
3. Rose Bentley – Kindergarten Teacher
4. Scott Force – Head Football Coach
5. Catherine Jenkins – High School English Teacher

VOTE

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

#### Administrative Matters

For Action:

#### **Subject: Reinstatement of Student 037A**

Motion by Mr. Vincent, seconded by Mr. Heinzman, to reinstate Student 037A to Newaygo Public Schools beginning the 2022-2023 school year.

VOTE

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

#### **Subject: 2023 Costa Rica Trip**

Motion by Mr. Frisbie, seconded by Mr. Vincent, to approve the 2023 Costa Rica Trip as presented.

VOTE

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Board members noted that they are pleased to see some movement in this area.

#### **Subject: Marching Band Overnight Trip**

Motion by Mr. Frisbie, seconded by Mr. Heinzman, to approve the Marching Band overnight camp, as presented.

VOTE

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

#### Informational Items

There were no additional updates regarding the budgets in this meeting as they were discussed and approved at the budget hearing.

#### New Business

#### **Subject: Ratification of Contract with RWDSU**

Mr. Wright presented that there are some revisions being confirmed with the RWDSU contract which will be presented at the next board meeting.

Discussion:

Each building principal gave the Board an update on what is going on in their building, including summer school, programming adjustments or changes being considered, and the hiring process for a number of staff positions.

Public Comments - Items Not on the Agenda

Three members of the public addressed the board regarding their appreciation of the high school and middle school principals and their work with their particular students, as well as appreciation for this year's addition of golf as a school sport.

Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Swinehart, seconded by Mr. Heinzman, to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Time: 6:46 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melissa Swinehart". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Melissa Swinehart, Board Secretary